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# EDITORIAL

by A. Manak

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Flying Saucer Digest is back--that's right--Flying Saucer Digest will be publishing the biggest and best UFO magazine in all UFOlogy but, first, let me say why Flying Saucer Digest is not dead.

In 1967 UAPA decided to come out with a new and modern look in UFO magazines; so, in February of that year, we published a fully illustrated magazine. The initial issue of Flying Saucer Digest was a fantastic success. Issue two was even a larger success than anticipated--it sold out in just two short weeks. From that May of 1967 Flying Saucer Digest caught the fantasy of the UFO world. By the way, we at UAPA set some ground rules that we still have not broken. (1) We would cover all aspects of the UFO enigma. (2) We would report on the occult as well as astronomy. (3) We would tell it like it is, and (4) We would be number one some day. Well, here it is, the Fall of 1974 and, today, we are aiming to be the biggest.

Let me get back to the short history of Flying Saucer Digest. From issue 3 thru issue 19, Flying Saucer Digest gained in respectability throughout the world. Issue 20 thru 23 UAPA had a change of heart, so to speak, so we changed the name of Flying Saucer Digest to Mystique. People all over the world wanted to know what happened to Flying Saucer Digest. The answer--nothing. We still published. Maybe we weren't on schedule like we should have been--but we published. So, in the month of May, (May must have some mystical meaning or hidden message), we at UAPA decided to publish Flying Saucer Digest again.

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## World Roundup

by R. Hilberg

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### USA REPORTS

A small and silent UFO was spotted by Gordon Matlock of Sullivan, Missouri at approximately 8:45 p.m. on February 16. Matlock's wife first reported the sighting when she went outside for a moment--immediately calling for him to come out and see the object flying overhead.

Matlock, a member of the Civil Air Patrol and familiar with aircraft, reported that he first thought the object was a plane on fire. However, after noticing that the intense light, approximately four feet in diameter, was not trailing fire as an aircraft on fire would do but was remaining constant in diameter during the whole time of the sighting, he was forced to change his mind.

The Matlock home is located on the approach pattern of nearby Sullivan Airport. The object indicated at first that it could have been an aircraft taking off from the airport in an easterly direction, and appeared to possibly be at an altitude from 500 to 1,000 feet. When the object was overhead, no outline of a wing, fuselage, or tail assembly could be seen. In addition, no engine sound could be heard from the slowly traveling UFO. Matlock also reported that he could see no navigation lights on the object.

The UFO continued in an easterly direction until it was approximately over Watson Road where it appeared to lower a section of the craft toward the ground. The additional object was also of a bright intensity. At this point the light disappeared and was seen no more.

A call by Matlock to the Vichy FAA station revealed that no aircraft were in the area, and that there were no radar contacts.

Two separate sightings of UFO were reported March 20th by law enforcement officers in Tillamook, Oregon and by two Georgia-Pacific Corp. employees 80 miles south in Newport, Oregon.

"I don't believe in flying saucers--but I did see something

strange in the sky and I guess I'll never know what it was," said Tillamook city Policeman Roy White. At 6:10 a.m. White radioed from his patrol car and asked two Tillamook County sheriff's deputies to look east toward the Coast Range.

Deputies Wally Woolfolk and Mark Berrest told White they could see what he saw--a bright, shiny object almost as big as the moon, moving back and forth in the dark sky.

"I called the Air Force radar station at Mt. Hebo and they said they didn't have anything on their screens," White told newsmen. "They tried to tell me it must have been a helicopter or something, but I don't think it was. It's kinda hard to explain the way it looked. We were just astonished as we watched it, and it faded out in about a half hour."

Down the coast in Newport, two Georgia-Pacific mill workers reported seeing a "real bright silvery glowing object" diving at a steep angle toward the sea.

"It was about six times brighter than the moon," said Harrison Gilmore, who was driving home from work at 7:08 a.m. with a fellow employee, Sonny Gillespie. "In our field of vision it was about a foot in diameter and four inches thick," Gilmore added. "It was sort of cake-shaped."

A brown, mushroom-shaped UFO was reported March 24th by Miss Carol Grimes over Ocean Grove, New Jersey. Miss Grimes said that she was walking home when she heard a strange, screeching sound above her.

"I heard this grinding sound, something like a motor, but unlike anything I had heard before. Then I looked up and I saw it," she said. The object, Miss Grimes said, was about the size of a helicopter and about 50 feet from the ground.

"There were no lights, but I could see it because the sky was light," she said.

When Miss Grimes spotted a couple walking some distance away from her she said she looked away from the object with thoughts of hailing them. But when she looked back, she saw the object disappearing into the night toward Asbury Park.

Three Lacey, Washington teenage girls reported that they sighted a UFO on the evening of April 7th near the intersection of Carpenter and Homann Roads.

The girls said that the cone-shaped object hovered above the location, emitting a high-pitched whine. The UFO, they said, had two headlights, four blue lights and one blinking red light on the bottom.

Ladell Lund and Donna and Dorietta Widner said the UFO hovered over their car and then took off toward the Nisqually Valley. The UFO, the girls reported, was about the size of a small airplane and had a pointed tip which seemed to be the front of the object.

Niles, Michigan police were puzzled over the UFO reported being seen in the area for 45 minutes on the evening of April 15th. The police reported that the object had a white light with flashing red, green and blue lights, and that the lights moved from side to side and up and down as the object traveled westward along the Niles-Buchanan road. They said it was about 600

to 700 feet above the ground, and that it disappeared in the southwest.

According to Niles police, officers from the Niles state police post, and Niles township police also saw the lighted object, the shape of which could not be determined due to darkness. A number of area residents also reported sighting the moving lights.

Longmeadow, Mass. residents reported spotting a UFO which seemed to have a flaming quality on the evening of April 17th.

Fire Department Chief James E. O'Brien said that about ten calls were received by the police and fire departments at 8:30 p.m., all of which informed them of an object traveling easterly in the sky over Wolf Swamp Road near the Twin Hills Country Club.

O'Brien said that he and his crew saw nothing of the noiseless traveling object when they arrived at the scene and were besieged by kids with flashlights hunting for Martians. After checking with Bradley and Westover airfields, O'Brien said there was little evidence that the light could have been a plane in trouble.

A Marion, Michigan couple had an early morning look at two intensely bright objects on April 25th. Mrs. Sanford Sampson, who lives just south of the town of Marion on Michigan-66, reported that she first spotted the objects from her bedroom window at about 5:00 a.m. The bright appearance of the objects startled her to such an extent that she awakened her husband, the two of them together watched the objects with a pair of binoculars for about a half hour.

The objects appeared to be about the size of jet planes although one object appeared to be slightly larger than the other, Mrs. Sampson reported. They gave off an intense yellowish-white light and appeared to be rotating. One object apparently had some sort of protrusion located on its side, the rotating of the craft making it visible from both the right side of the object and then the left.

The Sampsons couldn't hazard a guess as to altitude or speed of the objects, and there were no stars out at the time to get any exact measurements against a background. The objects continued to move slowly in a southeasterly direction until they were lost from sight.

The area around Ketchikan, Alaska was host to a minor flap in mid-March, when many persons called local police and news media to report unusual objects in the sky. During the spate of reports a state trooper and an employee of the state ferry system reported a glowing object on the night of the 16th.

A Ketchikan physician and his family reported to news media that they watched an object south of the city for about ten minutes on the night of the 19th. The doctor said that it was moving from east to west at a high rate of speed, stopped suddenly, and



then reversed direction.

The doctor described the object as disk-shaped. He said it made several "back and forth movements" and glowed from gray to red to bluish-green, before going out of sight in a southerly direction.

About an hour later, a group of persons at the Ketchikan ferry terminal claimed that they saw another similar object low on the horizon.

It was reported by Bill Case of the Dallas, Texas Times Herald on May 12th that numerous persons have been spotting mysterious objects flying at low altitudes along the west boundaries of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport at night for at least six to eight months. Residents in the area report that the objects are mostly seen during the hours of from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Mrs. Sandra Hodgson, a medical technician employed at the Irving Community Hospital, and who lives near the airport reports that she has had many sightings on her way home from work.

"After sighting the lights, which seem to travel and hover at just about tree-top level, on several nights I reported the UFOs to the FAA control tower at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport and to George Burledge at the FAA's Fort Worth regional headquarters," Mrs. Hodgson said.

"They advised me to try and get a picture of one so I got out my camera on Thursday night (May 10th) and, when a UFO appeared east of our apartment building about 200 yards away, I took a shot."

Mrs. Hodgson's photograph shows a small twisting yellow light in a black background. From the photograph no details regarding size or shape of the object can be determined, however.

On another occasion Mrs. Hodgson, along with Debbie Carter, a friend who lives in the same apartment complex, saw an object and tried to follow it in a car.

"It stopped down a small road over a patch of woods about a mile east of us and beamed a strong white searchlight down into a clearing," she said. "When we got there the light was still hovering in the air over a clearing where a Mexican-American family live in a converted construction building."

Mrs. Hodgson and Miss Carter then found that the family living in the former construction building were also viewing the strange hovering object. After the incidents of the evening were reported to the media, reporters who investigated the area where the object was seen to be hovering, said that they found a circular area of grass and weeds about 20 feet in diameter that had been twisted down in a clockwise pattern. From the looks of the circle, it seemed as if some heavy object had touched down in the area.

While many persons have reported sighting the nocturnal visitors, only on several occasions has a slight humming noise been reported associated with the objects.

#### FOREIGN REPORTS

Marcel and Helen Turgeon were driving near the town of Bourget, Ontario at 11:30 p.m. on February 13th when the dark and windy night was disturbed by an eerie visitor.

"We were driving along the road and I was half-asleep when my husband said 'Hey, what's that?' and we saw it," reported Mrs. Turgeon. "There was this thing just hanging in the air. There were a lot of little red lights on it and a huge white spot-light that was shining down on the road.

"We just couldn't believe it. It was floating, not blown by the wind at all, about 100 feet above the ground. It didn't look like an airplane, so we stopped the car to listen...if it was a helicopter, but we couldn't hear anything," she said.

"Then the spotlight went out, and the object started to move. It floated across the street, hovered in the air, and then turned on the spotlight again on some woods beside the road.

"We were terrified. When my husband said it might be a UFO, I told him to get the hell out of there and we left so fast ..."

At least a dozen people, including two police officers, sighted UFOs for a seven day period beginning on February 20th over Casuarina, a beach suburb of Darwin, Australia.

Two welfare officers, Vincent Dallen and Tony Muschat, first saw two bright objects in the sky about 3:30 a.m. that morning, a cross-shaped light and a half-moon shape lying on its back. The objects appeared to be just above the nearby RAAF base.

"We observed the phenomena for roughly three hours," said Tony Muschat. "During that time they moved from side to side, faded to pin-pricks of light and then grew large again, finally settling down behind the trees. The whole area was flooded with a bright white light. This lasted for some moments then both objects rose again into the sky."

The same object was seen my Mr. Peter Vallance and his wife Greta.

"I rang the RAAF about it at 5:30 a.m. on Thursday morning (the 21st)," Mrs. Vallance said. "I was told they too could see it and had it under observation."

The cross-shaped UFO appeared again on the 22nd at 5 a.m. This time the Vallances and two of their neighbors caught another glimpse of the strange object.

On Tuesday morning February 26th, the UFO was successfully photographed by Mr. B. Erisman at 5:30 a.m. Mr. Erisman is a news photographer for the Northern Territory News, and stayed up all night to snap a picture of the mysterious visitor.

Constables Joe Meynink and Ron Fellington were alerted to a strange object in the sky when a terrified man rushed into the Parkes, Australia Police Station shortly after 3 a.m. on April 15th.

Constable Fellington said that the objects looked like helicopters with winking landing lights. "We distinctly saw two sets of these lights moving in formation. They were making a sound like a sewing machine," he said.

Police at Orange, Bathurst, Lithgow, Katoomba, and Penrith reported seeing the lights. After the initial sightings the RAAF and Civil Aviation authorities were alerted.

In Melbourne, many people reported seeing two mysterious lights in the sky several hours before the Parkes incident. The

mysterious bright lights were seen by policemen in Frankston, Melton, and Russell Street police headquarters.

A young woman driver, Miss Kerry Sheahan, went to Russell Street where she told police that she had seen the lights all the way from Coburg to Melbourne, a distance of some seven miles. An AAP reporter, John Westbury, who was at the police station said that Miss Sheahan claimed the lights swooped down towards her car as she was driving into the city.

"She rushed in and told us that two things were going to land in the city," said Westbury. "We went up to the tenth floor observation deck and I saw one big light and one small light. They were reasonably low, only a matter of thousands of feet. They moved apart and dropped lower and then went up together again."

Later on that same day Irene Bajev, a student at a secretarial college, was traveling between Tungkillo and Woodside about 7:30 p.m. when she noticed "three beams of light."

"I first saw the lights a fair way away and thought they were from a plane," she reported. "But then they got closer and I saw three beams of light from the object--and there was no sound. My friend stopped the car and we got out. Another car with about four people also stopped behind our car."

"The object was about 4,000 to 5,000 feet up moving very quickly in a southeasterly direction. The car appeared to lose power as the object came closer--just before we pulled up and got out."

Miss Bajev said the object was definitely not a plane. "Later on, a plane flew overhead and you could hear quite distinctly," she reported. "I couldn't make out the shape of the object; all I could see were those three lights, two forward and one behind."

A group of students in Luton, England claim that they sighted two UFOs on the evening of April 22, and that they have found mysterious scorch marks on Warden Hill, Luton, where they think the mysterious visitor may have landed. The sightings were made by Michael Jackson, 16, and a group of school friends as they walked along the Leagrave area of town. "Suddenly we saw this light in the sky flashing green, red, then white," said Jackson.

"It was very low, about 50 to 100 feet, and certainly not an aircraft. It went over the Caddington area near the M1. We were all quite excited and ran further down the road when we saw another UFO. This one had three blinding white lights, and it made a series of complicated maneuvers before shooting off in the direction of Warden Hill. Not many people believed us, but this was no hoax. Five of us saw these objects very clearly," Jackson added.

At Warden Hill Jackson and his friends spotted large scorch marks on the grass. "There were large areas of scorched areas as though something had landed there. There were also lumps of black, clayish material lying around," Jackson said.

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# UNKNOWN METEOR

St. Joseph, Missouri News Press  
June 9, 1920

A meteor of intense brilliancy swept across the Southwest last night, lighted up the skies over several states and fell a burning mass near Okmulgee, Okla.

The phenomenon which was seen here, also was witnessed by hundreds of persons in Southern Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas according to reports received in Kansas City.

At Akmulgee the roads leading to the spot where the meteor fell were clogged with persons in motor cars who went to watch the meteor burn itself out.

C. B. Smith, an astronomy authority at Akmulgee, expressed the belief that the meteor was thrown off from a destroyed planet between Jupiter and Mars. It appeared to travel from west to east Professor Smith said.

Other persons who saw it declared almost a minute elapsed from the time the meteor appeared until it completed the arc of the travel.

## Meteor Is Seen Here

Many persons in the city saw the brilliant meteor which passed across the Southern sky early last night. The aerial body reported as having fallen near Okmulgee, Okla. last night doubtless was the same one seen here.

The meteor passed from west to east, its flight occupying probably two seconds time. A vivid trail of greenish flame marked the wake of the flying visitor. Those who saw it say that at its lowest point of descent the meteor seemed to burst into a shower of stars like a big rocket.

W. S. Belden, local weather observer, said that the meteor must have been of unusual size to have been visible at so great a distance from the point of impact with the earth, more than 300 miles away. Astronomers say that space teems with these waifs of the sky. Small meteorites or meteoroids as they are termed, are constantly impinging upon the 300 mile deep envelope of atmosphere about the earth as it sweeps upward along the orbit. Very few of them ever reach the actual surface of the earth. They are dissipated into gas by the heat which results from friction with the air.

The meteor last night was of sufficient size to fall to earth. It was observed by persons in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, dispatches say.

Many persons in St. Joseph will recall the great meteor of

several years ago which passed high above this part of the earth making a sound like the rattle of a machine gun in action. (Was this a UFO).

#### Was Close to Earth

An enormous meteor, which lighted up the sky over eastern Oklahoma and Western Arkansas and sent a thrill of apprehension through hundreds who saw it fall at 9 o'clock last night a short distance west of Okmulgee, Okla. according to a message received here--Oklahoma City.

From Fort Smith, Ark. comes a report that the meteor had caused considerable apprehension from the people of that section who believed it had struck near Red Oak, Okla., about 25 miles distance, and a number of people in automobiles left Wilburton, Okla., and nearby towns for Red Oak to lend any aid necessary.

Tulsa, Okla. reported the meteor when it passed over that city appeared to be within a few yards of the earth and that the lower and heavier portion was of a greenish blue color followed by a long wedge-shaped tail.

As it approached the earth, the report states, the head apparently separated into four parts but remained together as a mass, and that during the last few seconds of the fall the Southern sky was lighted with a blue-green flash.

#### Springfield, Missouri Report

Considerable excitement followed the sudden appearance of a brilliant light apparently near this city to the Southwest. News-paper offices were besieged with inquiries with regard to the phenomenal light, which was described by some as "a light as big as a house falling from the heavens."

Atchison, Kansas Daily Globe  
Wednesday, June 9, 1920

Atchison people saw the meteor that dashed through the southern skies last night, lighting up the heavens with a vivid green. At first it was believed that someone had blown up Chicago (because of the National Republican Convention being held there), but this morning's dispatches reported that it was a meteor, which fell on a farm near Okmulgee, Okla. The meteor was seen by the people of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas. One astronomer says that the meteor was a destroyed planet between Jupiter and Mars.

#### Comment by E. T. Huff 1974

There is a possibility that a UFO observed near St. Joseph, Missouri on June 9, 1920 about 6 p.m. disintegrated over Oklahoma 3 hours later, or appeared to do so, and was mistakenly called a meteor. There have been reports that an observatory in England picked up signals from a area around the moon for a few days in June of 1920. Maybe all of these events are related.

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# *Largest Celestial Object*

The Plain Dealer  
August 31, 1974

Three young scientists working with Holland's Westerbork radio telescope said yesterday they have discovered a celestial object six times greater than any previously known in the universe.

The astronomers, American Richard G. Strom, Canadian Anthony G. Willis and Englishman Andrew Wilson, describe the object as a radio galaxy 18 million light years in length and located 1.8 billion light years from earth.

Code-named 30236, the object is composed of an optical galaxy--a group of stars emitting visible light--at the center, with enormous radio components consisting of rarified gas spreading like giant propellor blades on either side.

Strom, 30, said one of the two radio sources of 30236 is larger than the group of eight or 10 galaxies that includes our Milky Way. It is large enough to appear bigger in the sky than a full moon—if the eye could see it. The scientists believe 30236 is at least 10 million years old.

Strom said the gaseous radio components are mainly protons and electrons moving at very high speed in a magnetic field.

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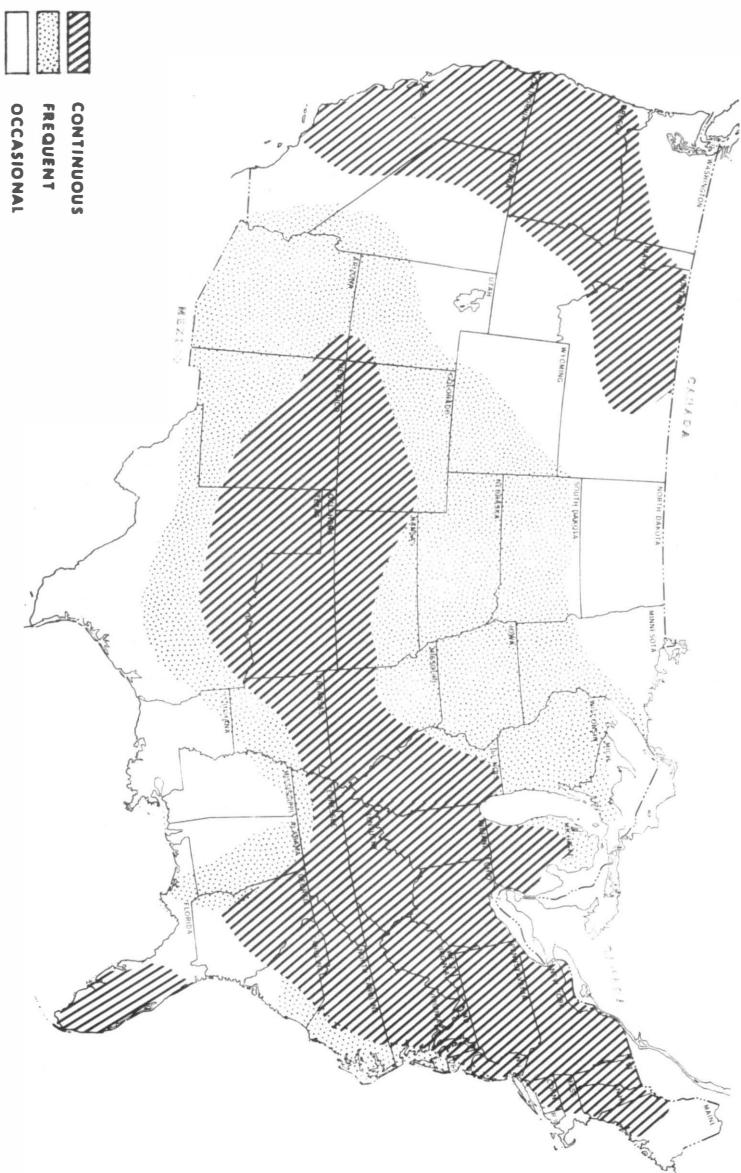
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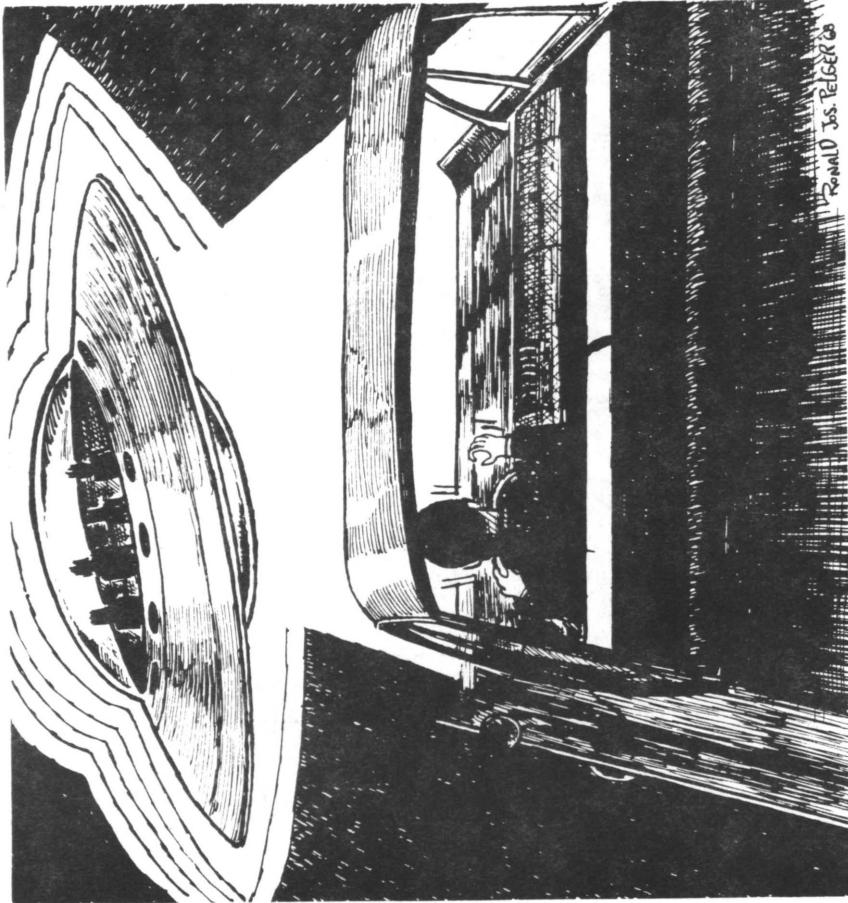
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# SOVIET CAPSULE LANDS ON MARS

The Plain Dealer  
March 15, 1974

The Soviet Union suffered a setback in the most ambitious attempt yet to explore the planet Mars when the descent capsule from an unmanned spacecraft, Mars 6, lost radio contact before landing on the planet on Tuesday.

The descent capsule of a second spacecraft, Mars 7, shot past Mars by about 800 miles on March 9 because of what was described as a malfunction in "one of the onboard systems."

The pair of reverses, which were disclosed yesterday by the official Soviet press agency Tass, occurred at the end of a seven-month trip by four Soviet spacecraft that covered a distance of about 300 million miles.

Tass reported that during its descent by parachute, the Mars 6 module was able to transmit some information about the planet's atmosphere before falling silent.

Both spacecraft have since swung into orbit around Mars, as did the third spacecraft last month. The fourth Soviet craft failed to go into orbit at about the same time.

The Soviets had previously landed two capsules on the planet. On December 2, 1971, the Mars 3 craft parachuted a capsule into the southern hemisphere of Mars. The capsule transmitted signals for only 20 seconds before going dead. A month earlier, a capsule was hard-landed on the planet by the Mars 2 craft.

At least one of the current capsules was believed intended to transmit back television images.

Despite the reverses, Tass yesterday contended that the spaceships had gathered "new important data" about the planet, but offered few details.

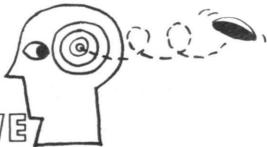
French and Soviet instruments aboard the Mars 6 module were reported as automatically analyzing solar wind and cosmic and solar radiation.

Analysis of the planet's radiation had provided "new information" about the surface, temperature, structure and soil composition, heat conductivity and atmosphere of Mars, Tass said. It reported that the planet's atmosphere contained "several times more water vapor" than had been thought.

Although the United States has not yet attempted a soft landing on Mars, its Mariner 9 spacecraft sent back detailed pictures of the planet's surface during a successful mapping mission in 1972.

The United States has planned to dispatch a Viking spacecraft in August or September 1975 to look for signs of life on Mars.

# UFO RETROSPECTIVE



Rick R. Hilberg

Many times while going through the files in my office, I run across a particularly old UFO report that has some significance to my current investigations. Often times, it is a particular date, time or characteristic that makes the old report useful. Just recently, I happened upon a 1952 report from Canada that told of a UFO "vanishing" before the eyes of an incredulous witness. It so happens that currently I am doing research on such cases, looking for possible non-physical answers to the UFO enigma. Here follows a report from over twenty years ago that sounds like it happened just yesterday.

At about seven in the evening on April 17, 1952, scores of persons saw a mysterious object over the Hamilton, Ontario area described variously as looking like a blimp or disk. It was seen from widely-separated points, and was even spotted by forty-plus persons at a fishing party on a beach.

Mrs. M. Woodland was traveling in a car along with four other women on Beach Boulevard when she first spotted the strange object. "It appeared at first to be a dirigible. Then we noticed it wasn't moving, but simply standing stationary against the evening sky.

"As we watched it, it seemed to be circular, and a lighter color than the sky itself. Suddenly, a ring of brownish vapor appeared around it and it literally vanished as it moved off (or maybe it didn't move off? - R.H.) at what must have been a terrific rate of speed."

Mrs. Woodland's description of the mysterious object match closely those of Gordon Cordiner, who was at a smelt fishing party on a nearby beach at the time.

Said Cordiner, "We spotted it around seven, and it hovered around at a low altitude for what seemed like about thirty minutes. It disappeared for a short time - then reappeared. The second time we saw it, it looked whiter, or at least a lighter color." The same forty smelt fishermen along with Cordiner who saw the disappearing UFO were not the only witnesses to spot the thing, for it was seen from other locations in Hamilton, including persons on: Barton Street; Aberdeen Road; and Beach Boulevard.



# KEELY ENERGY PUZZLE

G. Wendelholm

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Was John Ernest Worrekk Keely a scientist worthy of note?

Can we take his "discoveries" entirely seriously and do they merit rescue from oblivion?

*Giving a definite answer to questions such as these is pretty risky at present. But there is nothing in the information we have to argue against the possibility that he may have stumbled upon something of such value that its further development might be justified.*

Keely's name is completely unknown to the vast majority of people today, but it was frequently on the lips of his contemporaries 75 years ago. He claimed to have produced something he called "free energy", by which he meant a source of energy which was completely independent in the material sense. He also developed machinery and apparatus which operated on the basis of this energy. Keely soon acquired both admirers and denigrators as the result of his work. Many were ready to dismiss the whole thing as a lot of nonsense and Keely himself as a confidence trickster.

Even today people still puzzle over Keely's discoveries and experiments. The majority consider, however, that the facts that have come down to us are far too tangible to be ignored.

Keely's work and theories are also of vital concern to all those who take the view that the gulf which yawns between physics and metaphysics is slowly closing. The problem is of interest from other points of view as well. Take, for example, the grave circumstance that in the near future, we shall have exhausted all the resources of energy now known and used by mankind. Before this occurs, we shall have to find new sources of energy, and none could deny that provided it can be mobilized, Keely energy would offer a suitable and practical universal source of power. People are furthermore at work in a number of places throughout the world on the development of theories and apparatus based on Keely's experiments.

The aura of mystery surrounding Keely and his experiments has time and again given rise to a resurgence of interest, which has been fanned by a number of articles which have appeared in American journals. Despite the scientific advances of the present day, no one has yet succeeded in explaining or disproving Keely's ideas. Time and again, scientists and engineers have been baffled by the reality which may underlie Keely's work. They are well aware that Keely's discoveries could turn some of our present-day concepts completely upside down.

Regardless of anything Keely's machine may have achieved, there is no doubt that Keely himself would never have achieved fame or become known outside a small circle if it had not been for the interest of a woman. It was a well-to-do Philadelphia widow, Mrs. Clara Sophia Bloomfield-Moore who took it upon herself to act as Keely's "angel" over a period of 15 years. The real relations between Keely and Mrs. Moore are not known, but are in any case irrelevant in the context. Mrs. Moore possessed both talent and influence as well as money. She wrote countless newspaper articles about Keely's work, as well as a 375-page book, which was published in London in 1893 under the title, "Keely and His Discovery". This work is now much sought-after by collectors.

Keely claimed to have discovered two unknown forces in the course of his experiments. One, to which he gave the name "apergy" was supposed to be imprisoned inside the other, and was released by splitting the water molecule. According to Keely, his experiments were aimed at trying to release these forces for private use. The question of whether or not there exists such a thing as ethereal space has long been the subject of discussion by learned men. It would be hazardous to suppose a vacuum "filled" with nothing. If light consists of a series of vibrations, as we have good grounds for supposing, it seems reasonable to suppose it must have something to vibrate in. Looking at it from another point of view, it is equally difficult for the layman to comprehend the ether as a vacuum with nothing in it at all. It possesses neither substance nor weight and does not create friction, but is nevertheless capable of conducting flying matter or dust.

It is equally difficult to understand how this vacuum could be filled by an "energy field". And so before we can either accept or reject Keely's ideas, we must first decide whether ethereal space contains anything at all besides these particles of dust. If we assume it really contains nothing, there is no basis on which to comprehend Keely's theories. For he says quite definitely that the force which he has discovered is "contained within the ether and flows from pole to pole, positive to negative". With his machines, he sought to tap some of this "current" for practical use.

With the explosion of the first atomic bomb, it became apparent that enormous quantities of captive energy were contained both inside and around these particles of matter. Even if the force Keely was seeking could not be described as atomic energy as we have learned to know it, it nevertheless serves to underline the potential which may be behind Keely's ideas. If the ether fills all the great spaces between the earth, the sun, the planets, the meteors, stars, etc., then it also follows that it fills the whole of the space between the particles of matter. We know that atoms and molecules are particles of dust and that they are held together in one way or another by some force or another from some source or another.

It is possible to conceive this force as coming in the form of pressure either from within or without. But it is difficult to imagine it as static. To be a form of energy at all, it must be active, and when it flows, it must necessarily have both direction and rythm. It thus becomes possible to eliminate some of the mystique surrounding Keely's experiments, and we can no longer accuse him without more ado of the deception of which he was accused by so many of his contemporaries. We have also learned a good deal in the years since 1898, when Keely died, and this knowledge is extremely useful to us in making our evaluation.

One thing which seems to have worried Keely was that he would prove incapable of controlling the magnitude of the forces thus unleashed, and Mrs. Moore wrote on several occasions that Keely had suffered a number of minor mishaps in the course of his experiments. One has the impression that these mishaps arose because Keely had difficulty releasing energy in sufficiently small quantities.

Keely had a young relative who is apparently still alive. This relative had no great faith personally in Keely's work, but he related that Mrs. Moore passed on many of Keely's secrets, however good or bad, to a certain Count von Rosen, at that time resident in Scotland. The last information we have of this material is that it was brought to Stockholm in 1912. But it has recently come to light again.

Keely's work received a good deal of attention in Mme. H.P. Blavatsky's book, "The Secret Doctrine". Almost the whole of one chapter, entitled "A Force Of the Future" is devoted to it. She says, for example, on p. 583, that "the ethereal force discovered by John V. Keely in Philadelphia is no optical illusion".

Mme. Blavatsky evidently had some grounds for believing that Keely had a revolutionary discovery within his grasp, but that he had not been able to master the final stage completely. She also forecast that in the event of Keely's own ability proving sufficient, he would nevertheless be incapable of passing on his secret to others. In this connection, it emerges that Mme. Blavatsky feared Keely's discoveries came into the categories of secrets "whose abuse would lead to immeasurable disaster for mankind". If we can assume that Keely's energy was some form of energy parallel to atomic energy, this last statement seems most remarkable in view of the fact that it must have been written no later than 1891, when Mme. Blavatsky was still alive.

Several questions remain to be answered. Did Keely realize what enormous forces he was capable of unleashing? Was he capable of entirely controlling their release - final stage?

If we are to believe Mme. Blavatsky's account, Keely's machines operated on ethereal energy and other forces unknown to us today. His experiments also included using sound-vibrations as the releasing factor, so that the machines appeared to start by themselves. For the time being, this information must suffice to provide an answer, however deficient. But other vital questions yet remain: What physical laws did the forces Keely used obey?

Shall we venture to forecast that we shall not have to wait very long before we know the answer?



## RECENT NEWS AND RUMORS

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IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THREE OR FOUR REALLY BIG NAMES IN UFOLGY OF THE PAST WILL TRY A COME-BACK --- REPORTS OF HAIRY CREATURES IN OHIO ARE SEEN AGAIN --- LAST MONTH WAS THE BIGGEST MONTH OF UFO ACTIVITY SINCE OCTOBER OF 1973 --- AS OF JULY, 1974, NO LESS THAN 400 MAGAZINE, AND OR NEWSLETTERS ON THE SUBJECT OF UFOLGY HAS FOLDED BECAUSE THEY LOSE INTEREST IN THE MATERIAL AND BECOME BORED. OR THEY CANNOT OPERATE AT A LOSS --- MORE AND MORE SECRET ORGANIZATIONS FORMING TO UNDERGROUND UFOLGY --- CIA REALLY GETTING NERVOUS AGAIN ABOUT THE NEW DEPTH IN UFOLGY --- WE JUST HAPPEN TO KNOW ABOUT "PROJECT BLUE PAPER" --- PEOPLE REALLY IN THE KNOW SAY THERE IS NO SUCH ANIMAL AS THE M.I.B. THERE IS SO MUCH PROOF FROM PAST UFOLOGISTS LIKE ADMITTING THE FAKE --- THIS ISSUE MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE SO-CALLED "NEW ERA" IN UFOLGY, THE END OF THE FIRST 40 YEAR CYCLE. NEW, AND MORE UP-TO-DATE TEMPERATURE READINGS RECORDED FROM THE PLANET JUPITER --- LITTLE PEOPLE ALWAYS IN THE NEWS. IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR, THERE WERE TWO CASES OF SIGHTINGS IN TWO SEPARATE COUNTRIES, AND JUST THREE HOURS APART --- THERE WILL BE A MAJOR BREAK-THROUGH IN INVISIBILITY, THE BREAKING DOWN - OR CHANGING THE ATOMIC STRUCTURE OF ANYTHING AND THEN TRANSPORTING THIS OBJECT(S) TO ANOTHER PLACE OR POSITION. OBJECTS BECOME INVISIBLE WHEN BEING APPLIED THE FIRST STAGE OF THIS TRAVEL --- MORE STAR-LIKE OBJECTS SEEN NEAR THE CONSTELLATION OF THE "BIG BEAR" --- A MOST FANTASTIC EXPERIMENT WILL BE MADE IN AUGUST OR OCTOBER '74 --- RIOTS IN CLEVELAND AT BASEBALL GAME, FULL MOON AND UNEASY PEOPLE AS USUAL, THE COMBINATION WAS CORRECT --- THE "DIMENSIONAL FAULT ZONES" OR "ALTERNATE REALITIES" THEORIES HAVE AGAIN BEEN BROUGHT OUT INTO THE OPEN WITH THE NEW IDEAS ABOUT UFO'S.



# Sighting of the Quarter

The report that the editors of FLYING SAUCER DIGEST have picked as the best of the last quarter comes from Nelson Bland, a reporter for the Mount Olive (North Carolina) Tribune. What follows is the report of his sighting of April 1st in his own words, as it appeared in the Tribune of April 5th.

"What's oblong shaped - about 30 feet long and some 10 or so feet deep - has three pulsating (not blinking or flashing) lights, moves at incredible (almost unbelievable) speed, comes within 300 feet over your head and shines a bright spotlight on you and your car?



"Whatever it is, I'm not sure. But one thing I am sure of - I did actually see such a flying object (and it certainly was unidentified) in Calypso Monday night.

"I know many readers will laugh, many will say I'm crazy. In fact, right after I got back from seeing the object, I reported it to police. And they giggled, smiled - and one, who knew I don't consume any type alcholic beverages - asked me 'What have you been drinking, Nelson?'

"To paraphrase what a friend of mine says, 'I don't care who believes me. I know two who saw it - me and the Lord'.



"I had just left a town board meeting at Faison. I was driving down Highway U.S. 117, proceeding northwards toward Mount Olive. As I approached the overhead bridge, I saw this strange, erratically moving light in the sky. I'm color-blind and don't know what color it actually was, but it appeared to be either red, green or yellow.

"I went down the old 117, and I noticed it was getting closer - or appeared to be. Anyway, it was getting brighter. It looked weird. The lights were not blinking, but were sort of pulsating - nothing like I had ever seen before.

"I parked my car, left the motor running, got my camera with the telephoto lens and aimed at the light. It was through the lens that I could make out it was three lights - a bright one and two

smaller ones. I snapped three shots. (The photos were not good - only a speck of light on the film.)

"I noticed it was coming closer and moving south. I then drove my car on the road between 117 business and 117 by-pass. I still saw the three lights. Then suddenly, without any noise and at incredible speed, the object appeared to come about 300 or so feet away from me and about 75 or 80 feet in the air, over a field near Scott and Jones Company.

"I could see the shape and color of the object. It was oblong, and the lights were reflecting onto the top part, which appeared to be metal. Anyway, it was yellow or orange in color. The bottom part I could not distinguish the color, but could see the outline silhouetted against the sky.

"All this took place in about four minutes - from when I first saw it until it came close. Quickly I grabbed my camera, stood beside my car door and started to aim when suddenly an intense, extremely bright beam of light came from the bottom of the object and beamed directly onto me and the car.

"During the whole episode, I felt eerie. But when that light beamed down on me, I almost fainted. In an instant, I dropped my camera in the car seat, put my car in gear and sped away.

"The bright light stayed on for about three seconds after I dropped my camera. It went out, but I didn't look back, or up, to see where the object went.

"Since then I have been extremely nervous, especially when driving alone at night. I hope to God that I never see another one.

"For God knows, there is no way to express how I felt during the sighting. I still shudder to think about it.

"The UFO I saw fits the same description of some that several reliable persons reported seeing lately."

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### The Forbidding World

In early April, 1974, Mariner 10 spacecraft passed close to some 400 miles from the planet Mercury. Thus, some long-mystifying information was radioed back to NASA's Lab in Pasadena, California.

Pictures disclosed that the innermost planet of our solar system is loaded with craters similar to the Earth's Moon, but are much flatter and thinner-rimmed. It appears they were probably formed by impacts of material compared to the size of asteroids. No apparent mountains were revealed in any of the photographs. However, huge cliffs, hundreds of miles in length, were evident.

Some rills on the surface of Mercury are amazingly straight, while still others turn and wind as though formed by water.

The discovery of a very weak magnetic field and a thin atmosphere of argon, helium and other mixed gases are also recorded. The existence of this thin atmosphere is a complete mystery as the planet's gravity is quite weak in preventing the gases from escaping into space.

**Short Notes:** Astronauts will not return to space until the joint U.S.-Russian trek in 1975.....Pioneer 11 spacecraft will rendezvous with the planet Saturn in September, 1979.....A fourth Russian spacecraft lander entered the atmosphere of Mars and "mysteriously" stopped sending signals as it descended.....Soviet scientists revealed that the Martian atmosphere contains a higher amount of water than expected.....The U.S. plans to send two Viking landers to Mars in 1975 with life detecting gear.....Venusian clouds move 60 times as fast as the rotational velocity of the planet.....Mercury's trip around the sun takes 88 earth days, yet it rotates on its axis only once every 176 earth days. Thus Mercury's day is twice as long as its year.....Some scientists do not dismiss the possibility of finding evidence that water, or even "life", once existed on Mercury.....If you were standing on the surface of Mercury, the sun would seem to stand still at times, then move backward briefly.....The awkward orbit of Mercury brings it as close to the sun as 29 million miles, then shoots as far away as 43 million miles.

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A 19-year old girl from the Katmandie, Nepal area reported to police she was attacked and knocked unconscious by a two-tone "hairy beast" near the base of Mt. Everest.

She was shepherding her yaks at the height of 14,000 feet in the Himalayan foothills when she was attacked by a so-called legendary "Yeti" (Abominable Snowman).

The Yeti killed five of her yaks by twisting their horns around their necks.

The girl described the creature as being about only four to five feet high, with thick black hair below the waist and brown hair above. It also had long fingers with very long nails and it's heel was turned forward.



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# MICROCOSM VS. MACROCOSM

A. J. Manak

Here is a subject to think and ponder over concerning the UFO enigma.

Miniature UFO's, that's right little flying saucers. Probably most people into UFology never thought of or heard anything about "little flying saucers". But, do you know when little flying discs were first seen? October 12, 13, 1943 in Germany. During a bombing run by the United States Air Force, over Schwienfort, the ball-baking capitol of wartime Germany.

Many Air Force personnel saw and even open fired on these strange little discs. After these particular bombing runs were completed, these airmen reported what they saw. Some claimed these strange little objects were transparent. Some said they went through the wings and horizontal stabilizers without any damage to the flying fortress bombers or the mini sausers themselves.

At the end of the war, when under interrogation, the German command asked the allies what these strange little objects were. The United States in return asked the same question. So both Germany and the U.S. were confused as to what these little discs were. A very fine account of these discs is in the book, "Black Thursday".

During the early years of modern UFology (1947-1954), many reports of small objects were first recorded.

Even in this early stage, the Air Force tried to cover up these sightings. At one time, they tried to suggest that these strange little disc-like objects were aircraft mail bags dropped from aircrafts by accident. I can still see the picture now. Three or four of these circular bags lie on the ground, a man in uniform standing over the objects and another man (civilian) stooping, looking at the mail bags. By this time, the Air Force had to try something different on the public. Because they already used the terms Venus, balloons or practical jokers. Sounds a little like the terms used today: moon dust, swamp gas or orions belt. Someone would think these were names of houses rather than an explanation as to what people see. But I must say the explanations were a little more intelligent in the early years.

A young man on a farm came across a mini-saucer, about 3 feet in diameter. He picked the disc up. It started to vibrate, then broke from his hold and flew away at a tremendous speed.

Another man, while driving on a dirt road near a small town in Central United States saw a strange disc-shaped object, then shot up into the sky and disappeared in a hurry.

A pilot, while flying his Mustang Fighter at night near an Air Force Base, had a mock dog fight with a small ball-like object.

A couple, while on a camping trip, came across a small 2 foot diameter saucer during a hike in one of our national parks. When the man picked the object up, he felt a shock and dropped it. It then began to hum and after a few seconds, flew off in the wild blue yonder.

A young boy, while playing in a school yard, chasing his ball, almost fell over a tiny 6 inch silver disc. He called his friend over to the object.

After watching the disc for a few seconds, one of the boys picked the object up. The mini saucer vibrated, then flew out of his hands as he tried to pass the disc to a friend.

A man on a hiking trip in Europe found a small five inch saucer-shaped object. He put it into his napsack. When he returned to his home, he reached into the sack to show it to his family. The object was no longer there.

Airplanes have been hit by strange little objects, sometimes causing severe damage. Could this be the cause of some of the worlds tragic air crashes?

Monitors, telephoto devices, robot saucers for testing our air, water, spying equipment? Or are these mini saucers manned by mini cosmonauts? Impossible, why? Just because we think anything that small would have to be remote controlled. Conversely then, we are giants to someone that would be, say, one quarter inch tall. We humans tend to put everything we know into special categories. For instances: "There can be no life on Venus because the ground temperature is 700 to 800 degrees Fahrenheit." "Life as we know it cannot live there." Did you get the magical phrase? "Life as we know it." How about life as we don't know it?

We know there are stars millions of times larger than our sun. Suppose these super giants suns have giant planets, and suppose a planet was a million times the size of earth. If this planet had life the size of earthlings in comparison, then the beings would stand to be millions of feet tall. Truly a giant. If there can be such giants, stars, planets, etc., then there can be small planets, for instance, a half mile in diameter, with life sources one, one-hundredth of an inch tall. Now suppose these beings developed in technology surpassing us today, and they developed spaceships that could travel through the universe. Their ships would be approximately one inch long. They almost certainly would not come to Planet Earth, because there are giants on the third planet from that star.

Why not saucers three to four inches in diameter? Remember, we are talking about "life as we don't know it".

Just recently, physicists have announced that new experiments were taken place with sub-atomic particles.

They can now measure these particles by a millibarn. A millibarn is a thousandth of a billionth of a billionth of a billionth of a billionth of a square centimeter.

Could there be planets the size of such a thing so small? If so, then, is there life???

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T.S. Pittsburgh, Pa.

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"I'm very interested in "green fireballs" and "ball lightning". Could you help me?"

D.D. Los Angeles, Calif.

ED. Green fireballs are not new to UFology. In 1952, Dr. Lincoln LaPaz of the University of New Mexico was in charge of a project called "Twinkle" ball lightning, Will-o-the-Wisp. St. Elmo's fire are all different and should be studied in separate categories. A good reference is the book titled, "Mysterious Fires and Lights" by Vincent Gaddis.

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C.M. Toledo, Ohio

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